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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554 DOCKETER Majcher, Vice President Universal Service Administrative Co 2000 L Street N.W., Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20036

Re:

State Certification of Rural Carriers for Federal Universal Service High Cost

Support for January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service

CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch and Vice President Majcher:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PaPUC") hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that all federal high-cost support provided to the 33 rural telecommunications carriers listed on "Appendix A," attached hereto, for the year commencing January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006, will be utilized in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. As required by Section 254(e), each of the carriers listed on "Appendix A" will only utilize the federal high-cost support for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of their facilities and services for which the support is intended within the meaning of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Please time stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to Elizabeth Barnes, Assistant Counsel, in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

James J. McNulty

Secretary

Attachment

cc: Elizabeth Barnes, Assistant Counsel

David Freet, Pennsylvania Telephone Association

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APPENDIX A

Certified Rural Local Exchange Carriers (reference USAC website at http://www.universalservice.org/hc/checklist/default.asp)

Carrier	Study Area Code
ALLTEL Pennsylvania, Inc.	170176
Armstrong Telephone Company, North	170195
Armstrong Telephone Company, PA	170189
The Bentleyville Telephone Company	170145
Buffalo Valley Telephone Company	170151
C-TEC Company (Commonwealth Telephone Co.)	170161
Citizens Telephone Company of Kecksburg	170156
Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc.	154532
Conestoga Telephone & Telegraph Company	170162
D&E Telephone Company	170165
Frontier Communications of Breezewood	170149
Frontier Communications of Canton	170152
Frontier Communications of Lakewood	170178
Frontier Communications of Oswayo River	170194
Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania	170168
Hickory Telephone Company	170171
Ironton Telephone Company	170175
Lackawaxen Telecommunications Services	170177
Laurel Highland Telephone Company	170179
Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company	170185
The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company	170191
North Penn Telephone Company	170192
North Pittsburgh Telephone Company	170193
Palmerton Telephone Company	170196
Pennsylvania Telephone Company	170197
Pymatuning Independent Telephone Company	170200
South Canaan Telephone Company	170204
Sprint (United Telephone Company)	170209
TDS Telecom/Deposit Telephone Company	150089
TDS Telecom/Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company	170183
TDS Telecom/Sugar Valley Telephone Company	170206
Venus Telephone Corporation	170210
West Side Telephone Company – PA	170277
Yukon-Waltz Telephone Company	170215